GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4603
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USE OF ANTIBIOTIC
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news appeared in the Times of India dated December 29,2000 that the risk of developing an antibiotic resistant infection rose by about a third from 1995 to 1998 because of extensive use in both people and animals;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)& (c) It is a well recognised fact that indiscriminate use of antibiotics is responsible for increasing drug resistance in most drugs used in treatment of infectious diseases. In order to check indiscriminate use of antibiotics, it has been made mandatory under Drugs & Cosmetics Rules that all antibiotics are sold only against the prescription of Registered Medical Practitioner.For this purpose, antibiotics have been classified under Sch. `H` of D&C Rules.